

St Mary's School, Mosgiel Newsletter



Mission Statement—St Mary's is a Catholic School dedicated to the provision of the highest quality primary education with a special emphasis of Catholic values and attitudes.

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Term 1 Week 1

1st February 2011

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Friends of St Mary's School.

Welcome back to the 2011 new school year, the beginning of a new decade.

I have just spoken to the pupils and a small group of parents in the hall to welcome them all back and I was thrilled to see so many smiling faces looking forward with anticipation.

2011 promises to be an excellent learning year for our pupils with a number of exciting opportunities becoming available to our pupils.

This year we will be highlighting one of our of our school values each term and the value that we will be highlighting for term one is 'Respect'.

Respect for self, for others, for things, for our school and for the environment.

As the famous Chinese philosopher and sage Confucius said—"respect yourself and other will respect you".

Have a great year.
Mike Brosnahan

First Day of School for 2011



Electronic Messaging

Please note that the use of cell phones or other electronic devices is not permitted at school.

'A Thought for the Week'

Always dream and shoot higher than you know how to. Don't bother just to be better than your contemporaries or predecessors. Try to be better than yourself.

William Faulkner

Our Vision : Confident, reflective, risk-taking, lifelong learners in a Catholic School.

Sign in/Sign out

When a child is leaving the school during school hours could you please ensure that they are signed out in the sign in/sign out book in the foyer by the office.

Also if a child is returned to school late or after having left the school during the day could you ensure that they are signed in.

This is to comply with safety requirements in the event of an evacuation.

Healthy School

As part of our commitment to making St Mary's a healthy school we ask that pupils only bring water to school to drink. Our internal water fountain in the foyer has a filter attached for fresh drinking water.



School Uniform

Please remember that we at St Mary's have a uniform of which we are proud and we ask that right from the beginning of the year all people wear it with pride.

If your child is unable to come in uniform please send a note to their teacher explaining why and to enable us to treat these matters fairly.

Sunhats

Sunhats are a compulsory part of our school uniform during Terms One and Four. Please remember to ensure that your child has a royal blue 'Bucket or Aussie' style sunhat to wear for their protection.

Uniform Pool

Trudey Johnson will have the secondhand uniform pool open this week before and after school. It is in the old senior block beside the toilets.

A gold coin donation to the school for this clothing is all that is requested except the jerseys which have the new school monogram—these cost \$10 each.

Tim Davis Guitar Lessons

4Front School of Guitar is once again offering guitar lessons on Wednesdays. These lessons feature:
small group learning [max of 4 per group]
exclusive access to 4Front lessons online
quality sequential teaching manuals with CD
tuition from 4Front registered tutors

Come and have a go for free! On Wednesday 9 February between 8.30-8.55 am in the Library, Tim Davis will be available to answer any questions and to let students get a feel for the guitar. For more information please visit our website at www.schoolofguitar.co.nz or call / text Tim on 027 4895957.

Looking Ahead Term 1

February

- 9th Meet the Teachers Evening 6-7.30pm
- 10th BOT Meeting 7.30pm staffroom
- 11th Opening School Mass 9.15am
Whanau Picnic lunch and Sports Day 12.30
- 17th Financial literacy workshop all classes
- 21st Rooms 1-4 Swimsation Swimming Lessons

Newsletter—School Notices

This year we will be moving to send out newsletters and classroom notices electronically via your email address. This will ensure that important notices are always seen and are able to be actioned promptly. When you fill in this information could you please ensure that the email section accurate.

Family Information

Names of Child(ren): _____ Room _____

My contact details have **not** changed ☐

Or fill in changes:

Home address: _____

Home Phone No _____

Cell Phone No _____

Work Phone No _____

Emergency contacts name/phone: _____

Email address (for school newsletters and information to be sent).

Bus Section

If your child takes a school bus please fill in this section:

Name(s) of children/Bus (Wingatui.Nth Taieri/Outram)

Circle days that they take the bus **home**: _____

Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday/Friday

If your child is not going to use the bus on their scheduled day please let the school know (a note, phone message or email) at your earliest possible convenience.